



## HOUSE BILL 267: NCGA Prior Approval/Interstate Tolling

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations	<b>Date:</b>	May 9, 2013
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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 267 (proposed committee substitute) limits the Turnpike Authority's authority to toll existing interstate highway capacity.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current G.S. 136-89.198, the Turnpike Authority is authorized to collect tolls on existing interstate highways, if US DOT has granted permission. The revenue generated from the tolls can be used by the Authority to repair and maintain the interstate on which the tolls were collected. The toll revenues cannot be used to repair, maintain, or upgrade any State primary or secondary road adjacent to or connected with the interstate highways.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 267 (proposed committee substitute) amends current law to provide that the Turnpike Authority is prohibited from collecting tolls on exiting interstate capacity, unless:

- US DOT has granted permission.
- The Authority continuously maintains at all times the same number of general purpose non-toll lanes on the affected segment there were available prior to imposition of any tolls. The Authority may authorize brief lane closures during reasonable periods of repair and maintenance of the non-toll lanes, but must maintain access to non-toll lanes at all times during the repair or maintenance.
- The revenue generated from the collected tolls will be used by the Authority to increase capacity on the portion of the interstate highway where the toll is collected.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law, and applies to any project on an existing interstate highway let for construction after that date.

